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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are presently pending.

I. DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected to under 37 U.S.C. § 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner objected to not all the rectangular boxes being labeled in the drawings. The drawings have been amended to include formal reference numerals, lines and Figure numbers. Figs. 1 and 3-9 have been enlarged. Additionally, with regard to Figs. 4-9, formal reference numerals and lines have been added to label blocks 70, 80 and 84. Further, arrows indicating input and output signals have been added to Figs. 4-9. See, for example, page 7, lns. 12-16, and lns. 26-28, page 8, lns. 8-10, lns. 12-14, lns. 19-21 and lns. 27-28. No new matter has been added. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,236,643 issued to Kerstein ("Kerstein") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,892,768 issued to Jeng ("Jeng"). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Kerstein and the Present Application, at Time of the Invention of the Present Invention, were Commonly Owned

The claimed invention and the Kerstein patent were, at the time the present invention was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity, namely ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES, INC., a corporation of Delaware, having a place of business at One AMD Place, P.O. Box 3453, Sunnyvale, California 94088-3453 U.S.A.

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In addition, Kerstein only qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Therefore, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 103(c) withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested, see, for example, MPEP § 706.02(1)(1).

As indicated by the Examiner, Jeng alone does not teach or suggest all the features of the present invention. Accordingly, claims 1 and 12 and the claims depending therefrom are considered to be allowable.

III. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present invention.

Any fee(s) resulting from this communication is hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988; Our Order No. E0902 (AMDSP0379US).

Respectfully submitted,
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